



Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
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Bobby Ojha
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
Re: Tank Closure at FTMO-005, Fort Mojave Smokeshop, 8501 S Highway 95, Mojave
Valley, AZ 86440

Dear Mr. Ojha,

In accordance with 40 CFR 280.71(b), the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe formally notifies U.S. EPA of its intent to permanently close tank #3 (that contained premium grade fuel) at site ID #FTMO-005.

We're currently planning testing for the presence of contamination from the leaking tank. The Tribe has contracted with AzTech Petroleum Services for the task of removing the leaking tank. And through AzTech, the Tribe plans to contract with the Tucson-based environmental services firm Zelen Environmental [our contact there is Dennis Krantz – (520) 465-3027] for testing area soil and groundwater. At this time, the Fort Mojave Tribe is conducting the planning and bidding processes for these tasks.

If soil and groundwater contamination is found, Zelen Environmental Services (if contracted) will take corrective action on behalf of the Tribe in terms of soil and groundwater contamination remediation.

In complying with #280.71(b), the Tribe has emptied the leaking tank and tested for the presence of fuel vapor (presence not detected - adjacent to the removed tank, there are vents for the onsite USTs). Following these actions, our contractors will remove all residual liquids, any residual vapors and accumulated sludge.

For additional information on matters of compliance and site activity, please contact me at (760) 326-9650

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Ray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "ay" at the end.

Russell Ray
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Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada

cc: Luke Johnson, Environmental Director, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
Tess Salire, U.S. EPA Regional Indian Country UST Cleanups
Steven Linder, U.S. EPA, UST Programs Office Regional Program Manager
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